SEZs by Infosys

2893. MS. PRAMILABOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Infosys propose to set up five SEZs with $400 million budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a Special Zone is also proposed to be located in Orissa State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Government has granted formal approval to M/s Infosys for setting up of sector specific Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for IT/ITES at the following locations:

(i) Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka

(ii) Hinjawadi, Phase-ll, Pune in Maharashtra; and

(iii) Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysore, Karnataka.

(c) and (d) Government has not received any proposal for setting up of SEZs in Orissa by M/s Infosys Ltd.

Shortage of pre-paid mobile connections of MTNL and BSNL

2894. SHRI THENNALAG. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that scarcity of the pre-paid mobile connections of MTNL and BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor and number of applications that are pending together with the State-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):